

Weather

Fair and continued cold today, high from about 20 to 30. Fair tonight and not as cold as last night, low in the teens. Tomorrow some cloudiness and not as cold as today. High in 30's.

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Levittown Navy Man Raps N.Y. Firemen

Testifies In Ship Disaster

NEW YORK (UPI) — The Navy today fired back at the New York City fire department for its methods of fighting the fire aboard the Navy super-carrier Constellation on Dec. 19.

In testimony before a three admiral board of inquiry, a chief machinist's mate who led a fire fighting detail from the destroyer Remy criticized the city fire department methods as uncoordinated and improper.

"It seemed to me they had 14 alarms of fire and 14 leaders going in different ways and giving orders in different directions," said John F. Rutledge of Levittown, Pa.

'Navy Fire' Rutledge said the fire department failed to fight the shipboard fire that took 49 lives as a "Navy fire." He said that, to him, it appeared the city fire department had no experience or knowledge of how to battle a fire aboard a ship.

Rutledge found particular fault with the nozzles used by the city fire department. He said the fire should have been fought with a fog-type spray, rather than solid streams.

The machinist's mate said a shipboard tool shed fire that gave the city fire department considerable trouble could have been extinguished in short order by his own men if they had been permitted to fight it their way. Fire commissioner Edward F. Cavanagh Jr. contended yesterday that the tool shed was protected on (Continued on Page 3, Col. 3)

REDS GUN U.S. PLANE IN LAOS

Br-r-r-r-seness As Usual



Ice man Fred Storz, an employee of Beck's Icehouse, Croydon, goes about his business as usual despite the early morning cold. A low of eight degrees was registered in Lower Bucks County during the early hours. (Courier-Times Photo)

Attack Without Warning

VIENTIANE, Laos (UPI) — A Soviet-made Ilyushin-14 plane dropping military supplies to leftist Laotian rebel forces attacked and machine gunned an unarmed American plane watching the operation, the U.S. Embassy reported today.

There apparently were no casualties on the American plane, though this was not confirmed immediately.

The American plane was crippled by the shooting but was able to make it back safely to Vientiane on one engine. The incident occurred yesterday afternoon over the Vang Vieng area north of Vientiane. It was not known if the Ilyushin was manned by Russians or Communist bloc fliers.

Officials of the U.S. Embassy here said the American plane was assigned to the U.S. air attaché in Saigon, South Viet Nam. It was on loan to the embassy here to replace the aircraft regularly assigned to the air attaché in Vientiane which was damaged in the recent fighting for this capital city.

Identify Crewmen

The Air Force said the American plane was a C47 Skytrain and carried a crew of three men.

The crewmembers were identified as:

Maj. Armand E. Reiser, 37, of Arlington, Va., whose wife and four children are living in Saigon.

Capt. William G. von Platen, 40, of San Diego, whose wife and three children are in Saigon.

S. Sgt. Rex B. Percival, 36, of Knobnoster, Mo., a bachelor who was aboard the plane as radio operator.

Noting that some reports called the plane a twin-engine Dakota, the Air Force said "Dakota" is the name used by the British for the C47. A spokesman said all American embassies with observation planes have the American version of the C47.

Requested By Laos

The officials said the U.S. plane was observing the Soviet air supply operation at the request of the Laotian government when it was attacked. In recent (Continued on Page 3, Col. 6)



Chief Machinist's Mate John F. Rutledge of Levittown, (left), discusses the fire fighting and rescue operations aboard the aircraft carrier Constellation Dec. 19, with three shipmates who worked with

him, (from left), Sterling S. Day, Kutztown, Pa., Raymond B. Betler, Minerva, Ohio and Patrick J. Mannion, Brooklyn, N.Y. All are stationed aboard the destroyer Remy. (UPI Telephoto)

Chief Called Hero Of Carrier Fire

Chief Machinist's Mate John F. Rutledge of Levittown and five men under his command were the first to conduct fire fighting and rescue operations aboard the blazing aircraft carrier Constellation Dec. 19.

Chief Rutledge, a 16-year Navy veteran, played a hero's role in the opening minutes of the battle against the roaring flames that engulfed the carrier under construction at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

The veteran chief and the other men managed to rescue 16 persons from the holocaust and also helped remove 20 bodies.

Chief Rutledge is one of the Navy's main witnesses during hear-

ings at the Brooklyn Navy Yard today and his testimony is being used to refute charges that the Navy was lax in its conduct of the fire fighting operations, a Navy spokesman said.

Rutledge was aboard his ship, the USS Remy, berthed at a pier opposite from the carrier. When the blaze was noticed by a Navy duty officer, Rutledge, who was the senior engineering representative aboard, was placed in charge of a fire and rescue party rushed to the carrier.

Lieutenant JG Joseph DeThomas, engineering officer aboard the Re-

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Good Evening!

Still the deep-freeze.

Mercury down to 10 this morning, flirting with 30 today, sliding to 15 tonight. Mr. Winter a toughie.

France does another atomic explosion bringing various degrees of criticism from both America and Russia for its drive to become a world nuclear power and the signs are becoming more and more ominous.

Like the scientists say, time is running out, nuclear safety is fading. If you think we're living in a critically dangerous world now, just wait until another half dozen nations from France to Communist China develop effective nuclear capacity.

It seems almost inevitable that sometime somebody's going to get hurt — by accident, by design, by folly, by madness.

A thousand pardons — and we say it again.

Yesterday we mentioned that Pennsylvania had two world champs — the Pirates and the Eagles. We stand corrected. There are three. Finest and best of all are the Levittown Little Leaguers.

Philadelphia city fathers renewing their war on the starlings besieging City Hall.

How about a few of the raucous distress signals up Langhorne Manor way? The fool birds are snatching all of the feed away from the woodpeckers, cardinals, mocking birds, titmice, juncos, song sparrows and blue jays.

President-elect Kennedy vows that once he moves into the White House he'll be giving up golf as a regular diet.

Famous last words. Already he sounds like the disease is all but incurable.

Worst thing about men is that there aren't enough to go around.

Every parent is fanatic about obedience — in other people's offspring.

The girl who's worth a million doesn't have to look like it.

Watch your driving.

10,000 Jam Streets, Riot In Brussels

BRUSSELS (UPI) — More than 10,000 Socialist-led strikers surged through the streets here today, smashing the windows of buses, trolleys and office buildings and scuffling with police.

No casualties were reported here. Government spokesman Pierre Harmel announced, however, that a railway official in Liege had been injured so seriously by strikers that he had been taken to a hospital. He gave no details.

The mob, shouting demands for the resignation of Premier Gaston Eyskens, attacked several streetcars and buses manned by non-strikers and smashed their windows. Passengers in the assaulted vehicles escaped injury.

Swift intervention by military police restored order without major trouble.

The demonstration was the second in two days here.

Tightens Security The government ordered security forces to take up strategic positions throughout the city as a new transportation tieup added new woes for the authorities and the public.

Tough paratroopers in full battle kit, rushed back from NATO duty in West Germany, guarded government buildings and main railroad stations.

The eight-day strike, in protest against the planned austerity program. (Continued on Page 3, Col. 4)

Cold Spell To Continue Tonight And Tomorrow

The cold spell will continue through tonight and tomorrow, according to the weather forecast made this morning.

Today's high of 25 degrees will be followed by an overnight low of about 10, rebounding to a high of about 30 tomorrow.

The low this morning was 8 degrees at seven o'clock. The high yesterday came at 1 a.m., at 41 degrees, the temperatures dropping throughout the day.

Happily, the weatherman could foresee no snow on the way.

Owned By Armored Car Service \$1 Million May Be Missing From Vault

TAMPA, Fla. (UPI) — An armored car service vault believed to have contained more than one million dollars was found burglarized today in what appeared to be an "inside job," the FBI said.

Several of the firm's employees were hustled off to city police headquarters for interrogation by local detectives and FBI agents.

Federal agents said they would not be able to disclose the amount of money taken until they complete a survey of the contents of the vault. It contained both cash and checks but the amount of cash was believed to be high.

The vault contained two days receipts from Tampa's dog racing track and Christmas rush receipts from a number of department stores.

There was no official comment

on the subject, but officers said it appeared the vault either was left open Monday night or else was locked with the time lock set to open the door at the burglars' convenience.

Officials of the firm, Rasdale Armored Car Service Inc., discovered yesterday that the vault might have been entered.

Opening of the vault followed more than a day of suspenseful waiting.

A burglar alarm sounded at 12:30 a.m. yesterday and when police investigated they found the vault locked. It was supposed to open by means of the time lock at 6:30 a.m.

But it didn't, and a locksmith advised against forcing it open. He said the lock could not be set to stay closed more than 72 hours, so the best thing to do was wait.

3rd Class Time Running Out Bucks May Stay Fifth For Year

Unless Governor David L. Lawrence certifies to Bucks County within three days that it has a third-class county population, Bucks will remain a fifth class county throughout 1961.

The latest report of the county commissioners yesterday indicated that the Governor does not plan to meet the deadline.

Bucks Population

The 1960 Federal census gives Bucks County a population of 308,567. A population of 250,000 or more is needed for third-class status. Bucks is now a fifth class county based on its 1950 official population of 144,620.

County Commissioner John J. Bodley said the Governor's certification must arrive in Doyle-

town before Jan. 1 if the advance in status is to be effective next year. Bodley said he was informed that the governor expects to delay certification until he receives the official population of other state counties due to change status.

Anxious To Advance

These figures may not arrive this year. The county commissioners got the official Bucks population before it was due after a series of communications with Congressman Willard S. Curtin and U. S. Census Director Robert W. Burgess. State Senator Marvin V. Keller promised to urge the Governor to act immediately on receiving the census figures from Washington.

The Bucks County Commissioners are anxious to advance

to third class immediately for numerous reasons, including the authorization of a separate county board to handle tax assessment appeals. The commissioners, who now sit as the tax board, have several hundred appeals to hear from the 1960 tax assessments.

With a certified population of 250,000 or more the state legislature can create a separate Orphans Court in a county, with the Governor naming a judge to preside over it.

County occupational taxes must be abolished when the change is made and the commissioners can centralize tax assessments ending the jobs of local elected assessors. County official elected after the change is made will get higher salaries.

New County Job Filled By 2 to 1 Vote

Bucks County Commissioners John J. Bodley and Adolph A. Andrews yesterday outvoted commission chairman Edward B. Boyer to name Edward L. Pearce, of Doylestown, to the newly created job of assistant chief clerk.

Pearce will assist Ernest H. Harvey, Langhorne, veteran chief clerk of the county commissioners, who has been absent from work lately with illness. Miss Gertrude Rufe will remain as secretary to the chief clerk. The salary of the new position will be set later by the salary board.

Boyer nominated George J. Ault, Falls Township Republican chairman and chief clerk of the county registration commission for the new job. The nomination was not seconded.

Health Board Reappointed

Pearce has been engaged in the insurance business and sales work in Doylestown. His late father, Samuel Pearce, operated a drug store in Doylestown for many years.

The commissioners re-appointed to new terms on the Bucks County Board of Health Dr. Robert F. Erhard of Bristol and Dr. Richard I. Darnell, New Hope. The two Republican physicians earlier this year replaced Democrats William J. Veitch of Bristol Borough and Robert D. Quinn, Falls Township, who were dismissed. Veitch and Quinn are suing their successors to get back the non-paying positions.

The commissioners approved the payment of \$23,000 for the Ross Law Office Building, on the courthouse site in Doylestown. Under present plans the old brick building will be restored and furnished as an old-time courtroom.

Admits Killing Her Baby Mother, 20, Blames Temper, Marriage

Mrs. Suzanne Bilhardt of Lacey Gardens, Warminster Township, pleading guilty yesterday to killing her three-month-old son, broke down in tears on the witness stand and said her marital troubles caused her to throw the child to the floor.

She said she did not intend to harm the baby.

The hearing of the case was to resume today with a psychiatrist expected to testify for the 20-year-old housewife. President Judge Edward G. Blester is hearing her guilty plea to an open charge of murder. The judge will determine the degree of murder and sentence her if she is found guilty.

Died In Hospital

According to the testimony, it was sometime between July 10

and July 16 when she threw the child to the floor in her living room. He died July 25 in Valley Forge Army Hospital.

Dr. George Schneider Jr., of the Army hospital, said an autopsy revealed a brain injury and 14 broken ribs.

Mrs. Bilhardt said she threw the child after "everything just blew up inside of me. . . I threw the baby like I threw all my troubles. . . threw them away." "I have a temper," Mrs. Bilhardt told the court. "I get so mad that I have to slam something or throw something or it is not relieved. . . I love children and I want more."

The night she threw the baby, Mrs. Bilhardt said, she had pre-

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Nixons, Durante's Bride, Mary Martin in the News

The Nixons are finally relaxing, Mary Martin seems to have another "My Fair Lady" on her hands and Jimmy Durante's bride gave a columnist her telephone number. See Earl Wilson's lively column on Page 6 today.

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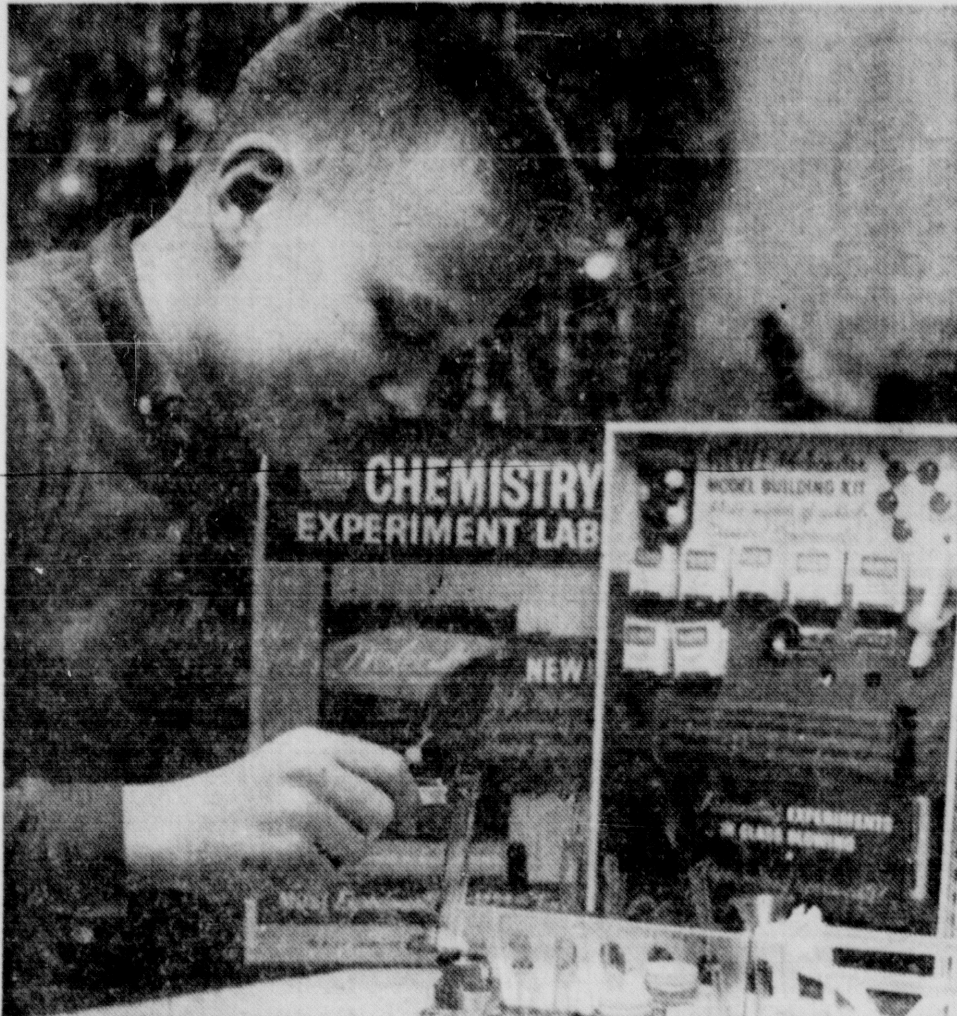
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Christmas Gifts, No School—A Great Time To Be Young



"Let's see, the smoke must come out here," four-year-old Ronald Walker of 707 Spruce St., Bristol, says as he plays with the fun factory Santa brought him for Christmas.



Yippee! Nothing to do all week but experiment with my chemistry set," Clyde Light, 11, of 315 Garfield St., Bristol, must be thinking as he enjoys the Christmas holidays.



"Maybe we should have asked Santa for a sled?" Barbara Adelsberger, 11, and her brother Mark, 8, of 52 Beechtree Road, Levittown, wonder whether they gave Santa the right order.

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'Man At Work' Hit By Car In Yardley

A Bell Telephone employee, not as fast as his boss, was struck by a car while helping string overhead cable on South Main St., Yardley, this morning.

Police reported Raymond Morgan was standing in the street alongside foreman Harold Brosz when Brosz spotted the oncoming car as it crashed through a "Men At Work" sign. Brosz dove into a nearby snowbank. Morgan, 33, of 77 Ridge Lane, Red Cedar Hill, Levittown, was struck by the car and carried on its fender for about 20 feet before the vehicle crashed into the back of the parked telephone truck.

The injured man was taken to

Levittown

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two sides by his hoses and that it presented an obstacle to further progress into the ship for several hours.

**Getting Irked**

Rutledge said that, left to his own methods, he could have moved to the "far corners of the hangar deck" within a half hour with his fire fighting crew.

"I don't want to give the impression that there were more chiefs than Indians, but I was getting a little bit irked by getting stopped in my efforts," he said. "I think it could have been better fought with better organization."

**Boatswain's Mate** Sterling S. Day from Kutztown, Pa., a member of the Remy fire fighting detail, supported the testimony given by Rutledge. He said the wooden shack on the hangar deck "gave us a lot of trouble" and was the only thing that impeded progress in fighting the blaze.

He criticized the use of steady streams of water in fighting the fire and said that, as a Navy fire fighter with 14 years experience, he would have recommended the use of high velocity fog or foam. He said there were some fog applicators on the deck but they were never used. If they had been used they would have reached the fire on the top of the wooden construction staging, he said.

The board of inquiry heard testimony yesterday from two fire officials that gave a contradictory picture of the safety conditions on the Constellation.

**'Sloppy and Messy'**

Cavanagh told the three-admiral board bluntly that the Navy was "sloppy and messy", in its house-keeping aboard the ship being outfitted at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

He called a fuel tank on the hangar deck a "loaded bomb needing only ignition."

A broken valve on the fuel tank sent 500 gallons of kerosene-type fuel flowing through the ship. It was ignited by a welders spark, causing the \$75,000,000 fire.

U. S. Marshals Take Goldfine Into Custody

BOSTON (UPI)—Industrialist Bernard Goldfine refused to admit U. S. marshals into his hotel room for nearly 20 minutes today before they enlisted his son's aid and took him into custody on orders of a judge.

The 67-year-old Goldfine balked at opening the door of his 11th-floor hotel room when the marshals knocked to carry out the orders of Federal Judge George C. Sweeney.

The judge two hours earlier had ordered Goldfine taken into immediate custody and held pending a hearing Jan. 10 on his competence to stand trial on income tax evasion charges.

After pleading with Goldfine to admit them, the marshals contacted his son, Solomon, who arrived with a key to the door.

Goldfine, gift-giving industrialist who figured in a 1958 investigation of influence in Washington, was freed Saturday by federal Judge George Hart in Washington where the 70-year-old textile tycoon had been held at St. Elizabeth's Hospital under a commitment order by Sweeney.

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me, said, "To hear the others talk, Rutledge did a heck of a job. He took full charge and was responsible for forming the first fire fighting and rescue teams at the scene."

The officer stated, "Rutledge and the other five men from the Remy put the third fire hose of the day into operation. This was the first effective hose to send streams of water to the center of the fire."

Lt. DeThomas explained once the hoses were in place, Rutledge directed the rescue teams.

"One of the men under his direction led six men to safety from three decks below the flight deck, thereby saving their lives," the officer said.

The Remy's engineering officer said Rutledge made numerous suggestions to New York City fire fighting officials as to how best to quell the flames, based on his training and experience in fighting ship-board fires. None of these suggestions was used, the officer said.

**Beyond Call of Duty**

Lt. DeThomas stated, "Rutledge worked with absolute disregard for his personal safety, demonstrated fire fighting know-how and organization and displayed an outstanding example of calm positive action far above and beyond the call of duty."

The ship's engineering officer said plans were in progress to make an official commendation award to Rutledge in the near future.

Chief Rutledge works for the engineering officer and was termed by his superior to be "an excellent chief." Lt. DeThomas said Rutledge's records show many recommendations from ships on which he had previously served as well as

a string of campaign ribbons and unit citations.

Chief Rutledge, who lives with his family at 34 Crystal Road, Cobalt Ridge, told his wife, Mary, 43, few of the details of the blaze that resulted in the deaths of 49 men.

Mrs. Rutledge said her husband rarely discusses matters of this sort and told her, "We were over there fighting it," referring to the fire. Chief Rutledge did mention to his wife, however, that the scene aboard the carrier was "a state of utter confusion."

The four-year Levittown resident, who began his testimony yesterday, is a Navy man right down to the marrow of his bones, his wife explained. His three sons followed their father's example and donned the Navy blue. All three are machinist's mates, like their father, but much to the regret of the top-rated sailor in the family and his wife, two of the Rutledge boys recently left the Navy.

**Served With Dad**

Machinist's Mate First Class John Rutledge Jr., 25, has been in the Navy eight years and is now shore-based at a recruiting station in New Brunswick, N.J. He served aboard ship with his father during a world cruise in 1953.

Machinist's Mate Second Class Thomas Rutledge, 23, who has left military service, served in his father's destroyer squadron and Machinist's Mate Third Class William Rutledge, 22, who has also left the Navy, served aboard the same destroyer with his father three years ago.

The Rutledges' daughter, Anne Marie, 18, is a student at Levittown's Bishop Egan High School. Chief and Mrs. Rutledge have seven grandchildren, all of whom the veteran sea-goer will probably try to interest in a Navy career.

Schaaf Store Manager 2nd In Contest

The National Association of Retail Grocers announced today that Herman Eickhoff, manager of the Schaaf Unity Supermarket at Route 413 and Newportville Road, Levittown, has won second place in a nationwide contest among grocers based upon community activity and promotion.

Eickhoff and the store will be featured as a result in movie-film releases at next summer's grocers' convention and in the Saturday Evening Post, a national magazine.

Among the activities which brought the prize to the Levittown market were a Halloween party for children of the area, a cake-baking contest among the store's customers, a window-painting contest for high-school students and a show put on in the store's parking lot by the Ne-shaminy High School band.

More than 100,000 independently owned grocers are members of the organization. Eickhoff's prize is in the large-store category.

Eickhoff lives at 15 Valor Lane, Violetwood, Levittown. The store is owned by his father-in-law, Walter Schaaf, of Meadowbrook.

Pellet Hits Boy In Foot

A Croydon boy suffered a shotgun wound of the left foot yesterday afternoon as he and a companion were walking in a wooded area just off River Road in Croydon, Bristol Township police reported this morning.

The victim was identified as Frank Johnson, 15, 831 Wyoming Ave. Police said Johnson and his friend were walking in the woods when they heard the gun's report. They said the Johnson boy suddenly felt his foot "sting" and looked down to see a hole in his shoe.

A single shotgun pellet was removed from the boy's foot at Lower Bucks County Hospital.

The police said they believe the shot was fired by a rabbit hunter.

Mother

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pared a dinner for her husband, Joseph Ronald Bilhardt, a 20-year-old sailor stationed at Johnsonville Naval Air Station. He came home but left before dinner, she said.

"I kept getting madder and madder," she said, "because I didn't know where he was."

Births  
Lower Bucks County Hospital

Dec. 26  
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Finley, 31 Basswood Lane, Levittown, girl

Dec. 27  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Budman, 6 Bermuda Circle, Levittown, N.J. boy

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marks, 51 Yellowwood Drive, Levittown, girl

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Hern, 152 Andover Road, Fairless Hills, girl

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stevens, 503 Warminster Road, Hatboro, girl

Inquiring Reporter

By KEN RABBIN  
Courier-Times Staff Writer

The Courier-Times will pay \$2 for every question used by the Inquiring Reporter.

Question  
How do you plan to spend New Year's Eve?

MRS. ELEANORE CHIRICO, 3 Friendly Lane, Farmbrook, Levittown, third grade school teacher.

We might go to church to help begin the New Year properly. Going to church New Year's Eve is a family tradition that began when we lived in Tyler, Texas.

MARVIN T. POWELL Sr., 353 Main St., Tullytown, Fairless Works mechanic.

My family and I will stay right at home to celebrate the new year. Some of our friends will stop in and we'll all spend a quite evening. I guess we'll watch television if there are good programs scheduled.

DONALD ALVAREZ, 817 Oak Ave., Croydon, night manager at the Croydon Diner.

My plans are already made. I'll be working. It's just an ordinary business day to me. People aren't much different New Year's eve, depending on how much of the holiday spirit they have, or spirits. Some people get very jolly, while others begin to feel like champions. We usually have a nice crowd of people, however.

MRS. EDWARD B. DUCKO, 394 Lakeside Drive, Levittown, housewife.

We plan to have a party with 19 neighborhood couples. We'll sing songs, talk and watch TV and have a good time. I'll return home to my children before midnight and return to the party later. The sirens and other holiday sounds scared my youngsters one year and I'll never leave them alone again.

BRUCE SILVERNELL, 18, 10 Kenwood Drive, Levittown, High school senior.

I'm going to New York City with friends to visit my relatives. I don't think I'll get to Times Square. I just plan to relax and take it easy.

MISS KERRY BULGER, 15, 382 Appletree Drive, Levittown, high school sophomore.

I'll be baby sitting for a neighbor for whom I've been "sitting" for a long time. I do plan to attend the Mummer's parade New Year's Day. I'll watch the New Year's Eve festivities on television.

Going In Circles

By Phil Weck



Here's an old idea for civic loyalty revived by Richard J. Bowen, Bristol Township manager, on a Christmas-card-book mark he distributed to Township employees.

It's the Athenian Oath taken hundreds of years ago by the citizens of Athens, Greece, and it goes:

"We will never bring disgrace to this our city by any act of dishonesty or cowardice, nor ever desert our suffering comrades in the ranks; we will fight for the ideal and sacred things of the city, both alone and with many;

"We will reverence and obey the city's laws and do our best to incite a like respect in those above us who are prone to annul or set them at naught; we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty. Thus, in all these ways, we will transmit this city not only not less, but greater and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."

School, loaned his organ to the hospital to accompany caroling by the nurse's choir.

William Larkin, a hospital maintenance employee, played the instrument, as he has for the past several years.

One mother in Lower Bucks County received a coffee maker from her son over Christmas thanks to the generosity of Police Chief William Riemp of Bensalem Township.

Riemp learned that the boy didn't have enough money to buy his mother the present while the chief was questioning the youth concerning a recent case the department was investigating.

The chief reached into his own pocket and gave the youngster the money.

Riemp is known for his generosity to orphans and needy families in the township.

Venetia Parks, who operates a non-profit baby sitting service for the convenience of hard-pressed parents, is in need of more adult and teen-age babysitters for New Year's Eve. Anyone who's interested can reach her at WI 5-3171.

10,000 Jam

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gram aimed at recouping economic losses as a result of granting independence to the Congo, has virtually immobilized Belgium.

More than half million workers were out and the strike was still spreading. The small but militant Communist party joined the Socialists in backing the walkout, protested the recall of Belgian paratroop contingents from NATO bases in West Germany and accused the government of "arbitrary arrests of workers, militant strikers and arbitrary seizures of newspapers."

**King May Return**

There were reports that King Baudouin might cut short his honeymoon in southern Spain with Queen Fabiola to fly back to Brussels if the situation worsened. The royal palace refused to confirm the reports. However, it was disclosed that an aide flew to San Calixto Tuesday night to report on the crisis and that a Belgian air force transport is standing ready to nearby Seville Airport.

Despite the crisis there has been very little public criticism here over Baudouin's absence. In fact, political sources said a sudden return by the King might give the impression that Belgium is on the brink of revolution.

Y.M.C.A. Open For Signing

'Y' President, David Landreth, announced that the Lower Bucks Y.M.C.A.'s new building is open this week 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for membership registration and free time in the gymnasium for members, Saturday morning the gym will be open for boys members 6-17, inclusive, from 8:30 a.m. till noon; and the afternoon for members 18 and up.

Gym suits and shoes must be worn on the gym floor. The scheduled day and evening gym programs, club and group activities will begin Tuesday morning.

Twp. Woman Arrested On Driving Charge

Mrs. Edna Bintliff, 53, Edgely, was arrested last night for driving an auto after her operator's license had been suspended. Bristol Township police reported this morning.

Mrs. Bintliff was released in the custody of her son, George, pending a hearing on the charges tonight.

The police said the arresting officer recognized Mrs. Bintliff and remembered that her name was on the suspended list.

Reds Gun

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days, planes from Vientiane frequently have made flights to observe Russian air drops of supplies to Communist and other leftist rebels in the Laotian jungles.

The embassy officials said the American plane was hit by bullets from a machinegun apparently fired from a window of the Ilyushin.

They said the Soviet-made plane dived at the American plane after firing at it, and then flew away in the direction of Communist North Viet Nam.

"It was an unprovoked attack on an unarmed American plane," one embassy official said. "Bullets knocked out one engine and tore several holes in the fuselage."

The Russian-made Ilyushin-14 transport plane was flying below the American aircraft when it opened fire. It was not determined immediately whether the Ilyushin was flown by a Russian. The spokesman said machinegun bullets "knocked out one engine and tore several holes in the fuselage." Shortly after the plane landed at Vientiane, it was reported that many bullets were lodged in the fuselage.

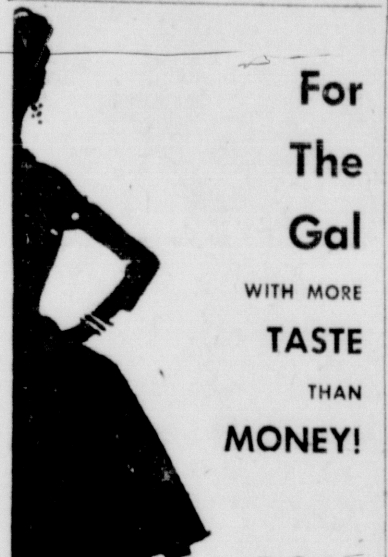
The U. S. plane was observing the airdrops at the request of the Laotian government, the spokesman added.



# Yardley Fire Company Plans Sub-Station In Woodside

## EXPLOSION KILLS TWO

BOWERS HILL, Va. (UPI) — Two men were killed and one injured near here Tuesday in an explosion set off by the collision of a fuel oil truck and a telephone company truck. A witness said the fuel truck exploded and "burned everything within 100 yards."



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## Cite Boro Resident For Self-Reliance

Joseph P. Piechowsky, 47, of 508 Crown St., Morrisville, has been cited by the Trenton Association of the Blind as a "noteworthy example" of the self-reliance that can be attained by sightless individuals.

In a letter sent last week, association president Norbert Cifelli commended Piechowsky for his record of employment and community activities: "Your splendid record of employment and active participation in the affairs of your community are a source of pride to your fellow members in this association," Cifelli said. "Because such a record belies the concept that those bereft of sight must beg for their bread, and refutes the anachronistic assumption that blind people cannot live as their brethren live."

**Employed 17 Years**  
Piechowsky has been employed for 17 years as a "driller," by the

Thermoid Rubber Company (now the H. K. Porter Company) and owns one of the company's Progress Award medals. He is an amateur radio operator and serves as Recruiting Director of Communications for Morrisville's Civil Defense unit.

An accomplished accordionist, he leads his own 3-piece combo, committing arrangements to memory. The trio plays regularly Saturday evenings in a Trenton tavern, and for weddings and special events.

**Overbrook Grad**  
Totally blind from the age of 6, Piechowsky attended the Overbrook School for the Blind, in Philadelphia, as did his wife, Mary. The Piechowskys have a 13-year-old daughter.

President Cifelli said he originally planned to commend Piechowsky at the association's annual Christmas Party, cancelled because of the snowstorm.

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Holiday Drawing

The Yardley Businessmen's Association gave a Christmas party for borough children in the Yardley Community Center over the weekend. Getting ready to draw slips for distribution of prizes during the evening are C. E. Shropshire, (left) chairman of the committee handling the event, and John Keller, co-chairman. (Courier-Times Photo)

## Officials Aiming For March Opening Date

The Yardley Fire Company has announced it will set up a sub-station in the Woodside section of Lower Makefield Township.

The sub-station will be temporarily housed in a row of renovated garages at Stony Hill Road and Langhorne-Yardley Road. According to officials from the township and fire company, the station will be taking fire calls beginning in March.

Lower Makefield Supervisor Peter Campbell said this morning that construction of a permanent structure is planned within the next five years. He estimated that 15 per cent of the total number of fire calls answered by the company were in the Woodside section over the past five years.

**Contract Revision**  
Currently, Lower Makefield has contracts with the Yardley company and the Capitol View Fire Company, in Morrisville, for fire protection. The new sub-station will lead to revision of fire contracts, Campbell said. The current contract between the township and the Yardley company transfers \$1,300 annually to the firemen.

Campbell estimated that another \$500 would be added to the Yardley company contract. He also said the township would spend another \$2,000 to install a ten-horsepower siren on the station. Campbell added that the township has already applied to the Federal Civil Defense Administration for half the cost of the siren since it will also be used for CD purposes.

**Renovation Cost**  
Renovation of the garages will cost about \$3,000, to be paid by the township. Work on the project is expected to get under way soon after the first of the year, it was announced.

A remote radio system will also be installed in the sub-station. The new station will be equipped with the 1950 fire wagon currently being used by the Yardley firemen. A new engine, costing approximately \$13,000, will be purchased for the main station.

The new fire truck will be purchased with monies raised during the past year's fund campaign and the drive being planned for 1961. James Sheridan, captain of the fire company's police, added that the new fire truck will be

operable by one man sitting in the cab of the truck.

**Near Development**  
The new station will be located in the vicinity of the non-residential development proposed by reports recently submitted by the Lower Makefield Planning and Development Committees. The station will also be in the center of a decent supply of manpower, Campbell said.

The name of the company will be changed to the Yardley-Makefield Fire Company, Sheridan said.

A membership drive to recruit any additional manpower needed by the company to man the new station will begin this week, Sheridan added.

**Increasing Problem**  
With the rapid growth in Lower Makefield Township over the past few years, providing adequate fire coverage to that portion of the township served by the Yardley Fire Company has become an increasing problem.

"The township supervisors, who are anxious to provide residents with the best possible service, have requested the company to provide a sub-station in the township. The Yardley Fire Company officers and directors feel that the move is a desirable one," according to statement released by the fire company.

## New Year's Rites Planned In Yardley

The Circumcision and Name of Jesus will be observed during services in the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Yardley, Sunday.

The New Year's Day schedule includes the Order of the Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School and Bible Classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m.; and the Morning Service at 11 a.m.

Also scheduled for this weekend are meetings of the Junior Confirmation Class at 9 a.m. Saturday and the Senior Confirmation Class at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

Christmas trees in the church were donated by the Lower Makefield-Yardley Junior Chamber of Commerce and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Kisthardt. The Kisthardt tree was used by the Primary Department, while the tree given by the Jaycees was set up for the church.

Flowers in the Christmas festival service were the gifts of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allhouse; Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Dittmars; Miss Vera Handschin; Mrs. William Harvie; Mr. and Mrs. E. Heintzelman; Mr. and Mrs. Kisthardt; Pastor and Mrs. O. T. McRee; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mullings; and Mrs. George Wedger.

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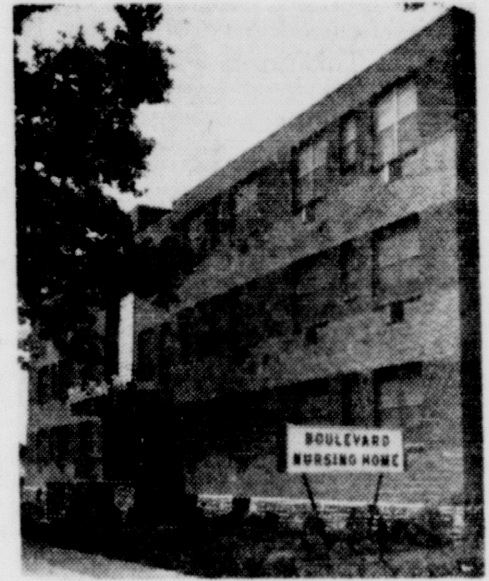
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## Morrisville Yardley Makefield

## Activities Slacken In Holiday Period

An unhurried week of activities have been scheduled in the usual quiet, between-holidays lull at the First Presbyterian Church in Morrisville.

The church's Young Adults will hold a "get-together" for members attending college breakfast on New Year's Day between the 9 and 11 a.m. services in the Educational Building.

The 11th and 12th grade members of the John Knox Youth Fellowship are selling holiday candy in order to purchase gifts of clothing for needy teen-agers.

**Checks Sent**  
The session has sent checks of \$100 to each of the church missionaries, continuing a practice of several years standing.

The Senior Citizens Club is not meeting this week, but will resume its regular Tuesday meetings Jan. 3. Sunday evening services will be omitted New Year's Day. A New Year's Eve service will be held from 11:30 p.m. to midnight.

Plans are now being made for the church's annual Congregational Meeting. The meeting will be held Jan. 18, beginning with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**New Year Plans**  
Plans for the New Year include an appearance by vocalist Charles Higgins, who for many years was in charge of music at the Bordentown Manual Training School for Colored Youth. Currently in charge of music at a Trenton Junior High School, Higgins will appear at services scheduled Jan. 8, 15 and 22 at 7:30 p.m.

A communion and reception of new members will be held Feb. 5. Two meetings will be held for those planning to join the church at that date. The first meeting will be held Jan. 27, and the second on Feb. 3. The meetings will begin at 8 p.m.

**Fellowship Meeting**  
The Wednesday Morning Prayer Fellowship will next meet Jan. 4 at 10 a.m. The group will study the Book of Job during its usual half-hour service. The fellowship will cooperate with the Women's Association that day in connection with Universal Week.

The Youth Fellowship scheduled to meet Sunday, for members in grades seven through 12 will not meet this week. The next regular sessions of the fellowships will be held Jan. 8. The next meetings of the Wednesday afternoon Fellowships and Choirs will be held Jan. 4 at 3:45 p.m.

**Study Groups**  
The Men's Bible Study Group, its meeting today cancelled, will next meet Jan. 4 at 6:30 p.m. The group will begin a study of the Book of Deuteronomy at the next The Catechetical Class for young people preparing for church membership on Palm Sunday will begin Sunday, Jan. 15, at 4:30 p.m.

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AUSTIN, Tex. (UPI) — Bowling alley manager John Geiger has named his athletic equipment display case the "Geiger Counter."



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Special Meeting Tonight

Bristol Will Open Golf Course Bids

Bristol Borough Council will hold a special meeting tonight at 7 o'clock in a further attempt to bring a proposed daily fee golf course to the borough next summer.

French Ignore Criticism Of A-Bomb Test

PARIS (UPI) — The French government shrugged off protests over its third nuclear explosion in the Sahara Desert and moved ahead today with plans to harness the atom for defense and peace.

A French Foreign Ministry spokesman made clear that Moscow Radio's denunciation of the atomic test as a "monstrous challenge to world opinion," and angry reaction from African and other countries would not stop the French test series.

Informed sources said a fourth explosion at the desert testing center of Reggane, 900 miles south of Oran, Algeria, could be expected in a "Relatively short time" — perhaps in a few weeks.

Cuba Plans Drastic Action On Bombings

HAVANA (UPI) — Top government officials today were reported considering drastic action against anti-Castro saboteurs believed responsible for three bombings and a rail collision yesterday.

Fifty-eight persons were injured by bomb blasts in Havana and the pile-up of two passenger trains in east Central Cuba.

Premier Fidel Castro's brother, Raul, who heads Cuba's armed forces, and Argentine-born economic czar Ernesto (Che) Guevara were said to have attended a meeting of the general staff which considered means of dealing more effectively with the saboteurs.

The rail wreck, in which 43 persons were injured, occurred near Jatibonico on the border between Camaguey and Las Villas provinces 220 miles southeast of Havana.

The government press and radio labeled the wreck an "accident," but foes of Castro were expected to claim it was deliberate.

Anti-Castroites are known to have derailed three trains in Camaguey Province.

In Havana, 14 persons were injured by a noon-hour explosion in the Foglar department store and one was hurt by a bomb set off at the Tallapiedra power plant.

Changing World Called Challenge To Schools

HARRISBURG (UPI) — James E. Russel, secretary of the Education Policies Commission for the National Education Association, said today the changing world presents a challenge to America's schools rather than a "threat to our status."

Russell told a meeting of the chief school administrators that the underlying change of modern society is the "vastly increased role of that form of truth which derives from rational processes."

He said the emphasis was on the "scientific approach in any field of human endeavor."

Russell told the administrators, meeting in conjunction with the annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Education Association that schools must "stimulate pupils to use and develop their rational powers" and "nurture...in pupils the desire for understanding of self, of man, and of the world."

"The school of today cannot possibly hope to do all those things which people ask it to do," Russell said. "Choices among many good things simply must be made, and a way must be found to limit the jobs which the society asks the school to do."

School Board To Fill Authority Vacancy

There will be a special meeting of the Bristol Township School Board tomorrow night for the purpose of electing a township School District Authority member to fill a vacancy which will occur at the end of this month when the term of authority member James Kline expires.

The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the library of the Benjamin Franklin Junior High School, 6401 Mill Creek Road, Levittown.

ry St., specifically to open and consider bids to lease all or part of the borough's 100-acre well field at Route 13 and 413.

Rental Of 40 Acres  
One of those bids, and possibly the only one, will be to rent 40 acres for the suggested golf course, Seymour Silverman of the Philadelphia firm of Lewis Investors Associates, revealed today that he will attend the meeting to present the bid personally.

Silverman also said that should the bid be accepted and other legal matters straightened out, his firm will start construction of the par-34, 18-hole course as soon as possible.

Council will be able to accept any bid it finds suitable tonight, according to William J. Veitch, council president.

Brinks Case Contained All The Dramatics

BOSTON (UPI)—Eleven years ago eleven men were plotting a fabulous holdup that broke all the records—the \$1,219,000 robbery of Brink's, Inc.

The world's biggest cash robbery up to that time was staged Jan. 17, 1950, at the North End counting house of the armored car firm.

Unlike today's safe burglary in Tampa, Fla., this was a dramatic show. Seven men wearing Halloween masks invaded the financial fortress and systematically looted it.

Somehow they had obtained a key to the garage entrance and moved in on a signal from a lookout on a rooftop across the street. Two men stayed in a parked truck which had been stolen that day.

Five employees were tied up and threatened with a bullet in the brain if they resisted or moved too soon to call for help.

The case broke wide open only five days before the six-year statute of limitations ran out. Joseph (Specs) O'Keefe, double-crossed by his confederates, told the story and helped the government round up and convict the gang.

Two members died. Eight went to prison for long terms. O'Keefe was kept in jail until this year when he was brought up for sentencing after the appeals of the others had been finally dealt with.

O'Keefe, wanted in Pennsylvania, won a battle against extradition last month and still lives in hiding under police protection against underworld vengeance. Authorities here insisted he would be murdered by vengeful criminals following the code of the underworld against stool pigeons if he went to any prison in the land.

The Brink's robbery was one of the most carefully planned crimes in history. The gang made dry runs, used blueprints and pulled off the job in the manner of master commandos.

Princeton Man Charged With Threat, Arson

PRINCETON, N. Va. (UPI)—A Princeton man allegedly has admitted carrying out a threat to set fire to another man's house on Christmas Day because he refused to give him \$3,000.

A hearing was scheduled this afternoon before a magistrate here for Robert Lee White, 32, State Trooper D. L. Moye said White set afire a house owned by Joseph R. Hatcher after Hatcher ignored an unsigned letter demanding the money.

Hatcher and his family did not live in the house which was destroyed. It was occupied by Besse Cruise. Authorities said it could have been a case of mistaken identity—that White may have thought it was the house occupied by Hatcher.

Hatcher turned over the threatening letter to State Police and White was arrested Tuesday following an investigation.

Steel Production Expected To Drop

NEW YORK (UPI) — The American Iron & Steel Institute indicated Tuesday steel production this week was expected to drop to the lowest level in more than a year.

The output, influenced by holiday cutbacks, has been scheduled at 1,122,000 tons of 39.4 per cent of mill capacity, lowest since the week of Nov. 2, 1959 (368,000 tons or 13 per cent) just before the nationwide steel strike was settled.

Last week's production was 1,325,000 tons or 46.5 per cent. Production a month ago totaled 1,393,000 or 48.3 per cent and one year ago 2,726,000 or 96.3 per cent of capacity.

Fulbright Would Delay Minimum Pay Raise

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Senate Foreign Relations Chairman J. William Fulbright said today any minimum wage hike should be postponed until the Kennedy administration has "straightened out" its budget and international payments problems.



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